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1. COUNTRY: USSR (UR); CUBA (CU)
2. REPORT NUMBER: [REDACTED]
3. TITLE: POSSIBLE CUBAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN MOSCOW (U)
4. PROJECT NUMBER: OMITTED
5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 780131
6. DATE OF REPORT: 780201
7. DATE & PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 780131, MOSCOW, USSR
8. REFERENCES: CIRI T-3E1-49618, OTHER: DIA MSG 4738, DTG 192132Z  
 [REDACTED] MSG 0081, DTG 232000Z JAN 78.

9. ASSESSMENT: SOURCE: A INFORMATION: 2

10. ORIGINATOR: [REDACTED]

11. REQUEST EVALUATION: YES

12. PREPARING OFFICER: [REDACTED]

13. APPROVING AUTHORITY: [REDACTED]

14. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NON-DIRC.

16. SUMMARY: (S) IN RESPONSE TO ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR  
 REF CIR, RO VISITED MOSCOW'S SHEREMETYEVO AIRPORT ON 31 JAN  
 AND OBSERVED A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 80 LATIN SPEAKING,  
 PROBABLE CUBANS.

ITEMS 17 THROUGH 21 OMITTED.

22. DETAILS: 1. (S) RO VISITED MOSCOW'S SHEREMETYEVO AIRPORT ON  
 2 OCCASIONS ON 31 JAN IN AN EFFORT TO FIND OUT IF CUBAN PERSON-  
 NEL ARE USING MOSCOW AS A TRANS-SHIPMENT POINT FOR EVENTUAL  
 TRAVEL TO ETHIOPIA. THE FIRST VISIT, STARTING AT 1530, DETER-  
 MINED THAT FLIGHT SU451 (AEROFLOT), ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO DEPART  
 ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE AT 1705L FOR ADEN, WAS DELAYED UNTIL  
 A 2135L DEPARTURE FOR CAIRO AND MOGADISHU. RO DEPARTED THE AIR-  
 PORT AT 1800 WITH THE DECISION TO RETURN AT 2030. NO GROUPS  
 OF LATIN SPEAKING PERSONNEL NOR LUGGAGE WITH SPANISH SURNAMES  
 WERE OBSERVED AT THE AIRPORT DURING THIS VISIT.

2. (S) RO RETURNED TO SHEREMETYEVO AT 2030L AND SAW THAT FLIGHT  
 SU451 WAS NO LONGER LISTED, BUT INSTEAD FLIGHT SU419, WITH THE  
 DESTINATION ETHIOPIA, WAS PRESENT ON THE FLIGHT DEPARTURE LIST.

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THE RESTAURANT AREA AND NOTICED A GROUP OF 48 SPANISH SPEAKING MALES, RO CONVERSED WITH ONE MEMBER TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN BUT THE PERSON POLITELY CHANGED SUBJECT. AT 2140L THE GROUP WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO OLDER MEN AND A YOUNG BOY DEPARTED THE RESTAURANT AND BOARDED 2 CIVILIAN BUSES PARKED ABOUT 100 METERS AWAY FROM THE ENTRANCE TO THE TERMINAL. THE BUSES HELD APPROXIMATELY 80 MALES THE MEN WERE BETWEEN 20 AND 30 YEARS OLD, AND IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION, INDICATING THAT THEY WERE POSSIBLY MILITARY PERSONNEL OR MEMBERS OF AN ATHLETIC TEAM. 28 OF THE LATINS WERE WEARING THE SAME TYPE OF OVERCOAT (LIGHT GRAY WITH HEAVY BLACK FUR COLLARS); THE REMAINDER WORE WHAT APPEARED TO BE BRAND NEW CIVILIAN OVERCOATS. ONLY ONE MALE HAD A BEARD AND THE OTHERS HAD NEATLY CUT HAIR.

ORIGINATOR'S COMMENTS: (C) RO HAS VISITED CUBA SEVERAL TIMES AND IS FLUENT IN SPANISH. THE PERSONNEL OBSERVED SPOKE SPANISH AS TYPICAL CUBANS DO. THEIR BEARING AND PHYSICAL APPEARANCE WOULD CLEARLY LABEL THEM AS EITHER ATHLETES OR MILITARY. RO HAD GONE TO AIRPORT WITH EMBASSY DRIVER UNDER PRETEXT OF LOST BAGGAGE, AND WAS THEREFORE NOT ABLE TO FOLLOW BUSES. THE VEHICLES COULD HAVE TRANSPORTED THE PERSONNEL TO ANOTHER PART OF THE AIRPORT OR TO MOSCOW. RO BELIEVES THAT BECAUSE OF THE BAGGAGE TRUCK AND OVERCOATS THAT THE PERSONNEL WENT TO MOSCOW. RO DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT GROUP OBSERVED WERE ATHLETES BECAUSE OF THE RELUCTANCE OF THE MEMBERS TO NAME THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND THE LACK OF ANY SPORTING JACKETS OR NATIONAL EMBLEMS.

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